

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF THE GRAND OPENING OF DELIRIUM CAFÉ

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 15, 2017

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the grand opening of Delirium Café in Leesburg, Virginia, a world renowned international franchise known for its great food and extensive beer selection. Delirium Café's flagship franchise is located in Brussels, Belgium, and this grand opening marks its first location in the United States. While offering some classic dishes and beers, and yet at the same time being situated at the corner of South King Street and Loudoun Street, Delirium Café will provide its patrons with a traditional Belgian experience right here in Virginia's 10th District.

Curtis Allred, former manager of the Shoes Cup & Cork and a Leesburg native, traveled to Brussels six years ago and has since dreamed of opening a Delirium Café here in the United States. This dream started to come to fruition earlier this year, as he, his business partner, Rick Leith, and Aislin Kavaljdian, who will serve as the Assistant General Manager of Delirium Café, began working tirelessly to open the doors of this restaurant after signing their first lease on January 1, 2017. Since then, Mr. Allred has leased two additional connected spaces, and the restaurant now has the capacity to sit over 150 guests with both indoor and outdoor seating.

Delirium Café is known internationally for its beer selections, but it was important to Mr. Allred and his management team to strike a balance between offering world renowned beers and beers from local breweries. In addition to providing customers with a wide array of beverage selections, Delirium Café will also offer catering services, lease space for private events, and sell a variety of merchandise.

Mr. Speaker, I would ask that my colleagues rise and join me in applauding the Grand Opening of Delirium Café. Not only am I excited for the experiences and memories it will afford my constituents, but as the only location in the United States, I look forward to the visitors that will be drawn to downtown Leesburg, a truly vibrant area. I wish Mr. Allred, Ms. Kavaljdian, Mr. Leith, and the entire 50 person staff of Delirium Café all the best moving forward and in their future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF PASTOR VICTORIA JAMES FOR HER SERVICE ON BEHALF OF THE WASHTENAW COUNTY COMMUNITY

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 15, 2017

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Pastor Victoria James of Ekklesia

Fellowship Ministries in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Pastor James has provided spiritual guidance and support to the Ypsilanti community at large.

Pastor James works with the Ekklesia Fellowship Ministries church in Ypsilanti, which holds religious services every Sunday and also participates in a variety of different community initiatives to support groups and individuals in need. These include the annual Back to School Prayer, which provides backpacks and school supplies to needy children, as well as an annual community Thanksgiving celebration for members of the congregation and surrounding areas. Additionally, Pastor James serves as a member of the Washtenaw Faith Leaders Forum, a county-wide interfaith initiative that mobilizes and speaks out on behalf of justice and equality. She has also been an outspoken advocate of improved community relations with law enforcement and has worked with other faith leaders and law enforcement officials to address this and other issues. Collectively, Pastor James' actions have provided critical support to individuals in need throughout Washtenaw County.

Pastor James' work has had a transformative effect on the city of Ypsilanti. As a lifelong resident of Ypsilanti and longtime community leader, she has leveraged her deep knowledge of the issues affecting the city and its residents to drive positive change. Ms. James' role as a counselor of Ekklesia Fellowship Youth, a church youth group, underscores her position is a respected mentor and voice for individuals in need. Her work with Ekklesia Fellowship Ministries has helped transform countless lives, and it is my hope that she continues to play a leading role in the Ypsilanti community in the coming years.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Pastor Victoria James of Ekklesia Fellowship Ministries for her work on behalf of Washtenaw County. Pastor James has been key to the growth and development of Ypsilanti and the surrounding areas.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE HONORABLE JOE MAY

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 15, 2017

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize the Honorable Joe May, my friend and former colleague from the House of Delegates of the Virginia General Assembly. Delegate May has had both an illustrious business career, in which he has served as the Founder, Chief Technology Officer, and Chairman of the Board of Directors of Electronic Instrumentation and Technology (EIT), and a distinguished career as a public servant as he honorably and capably represented the people of Virginia's 33rd House District for two decades.

Delegate May has dedicated most of his life serving the people of Virginia, starting with his service in the United States military. Afterwards, Delegate May became a professional engineer and has since excelled in the field of electrical engineering, as he obtained 24 patents for a variety of inventions, including, among others, a signature reproduction machine, an instrument to measure the curvature of railroad tracks, and the instrument used for measuring octane on gasoline. Then in 1977, soon after he relocated to Loudoun County, Delegate May and his wife, Bobby, founded Electronic Instrumentation and Technology (EIT), which provides electronic manufacturing and engineering services for the medical, communications, industrial process control and analytical instrument markets. EIT would later evolve into a multi-million-dollar company and has been instrumental to the development and success of Loudoun County's economy during a period when the county's economy has flourished.

In 1993, the year that would mark the advent of his political career, Delegate May was first elected to the House of Delegates from Virginia's 33rd District, which at the time included parts of Clarke, Fairfax, Fauquier, and Loudoun counties. In the House of Delegates, Delegate May's sharp business acumen and unique experience as only one of a few professional engineers in the entire General Assembly, enabled him to play an integral role in passing numerous legislative initiatives, including a bill to establish the House's Science and Technology Committee, of which he would later serve as chair. Through his time as Chair of both the Joint Commission on Technology and Science and the Science and Technology Committee, Delegate May helped promote legislation that allowed Loudoun County to become a leading innovator in the technology sector while also ensuring that western Loudoun retained its bucolic character.

For Delegate May's innumerable contributions in both his career as an entrepreneur and public servant, a remarkable number of well-deserved accolades and honors have been bestowed upon him, including being inducted into Virginia Tech's College of Engineering Academy of Engineering Excellence, being named the Loudoun Times-Mirror's Person of the Year for 2012, and being recognized as the Legislator of the Year by multiple associations, such as the Virginia Soil, Water and Conversation Districts, the Virginia Cable and Telecommunications Association, and the Virginia Biotechnology Association and Virginia Transit. Delegate May is the true embodiment of a public servant, and the residents of Virginia will benefit for years to come from his lifetime of service to the Commonwealth. It is honor to call him a friend and I wish him all the best as he continues his focus on the development and expansion of EIT and on whatever future endeavors he may pursue.

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